

**TOWN OF PEACHAM
SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
Town Hall Meeting Room
Wednesday October 5, 2016 6:30PM
UNAPPROVED**

Present:

Selectboard: Tim Scott and David Jacobs

Public: Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Town Clerk Tom Galinat, Allen Thresher Jr.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Board Chair David Jacobs at 6:34 PM.

- 1) Additions
 - a) Traffic Ordinance
 - b) Allen Thresher Jr.
 - c) Town Website Update
- 2) Minutes
 - a) **Tim moves to approve the minutes of 9/21/16. David seconds. So moved.**
- 3) Intersection Engineering Plans
 - a) Tim Ruggles said that the intersection plan had been done in 2008 and since then a lot of stormwater laws have changed. He thinks it would be best for the town to work through the project a little bit at a time rather than to apply for grants, which are pretty major. David will meet with him one more time on site.
- 4) Highway Department Update
 - a) Have only received one application to date for the road crew.
 - b) Melissa will make sure there is an advertisement in the Caledonian Record. Post additional flyers in St. Johnsbury and post online again.
 - c) Other than that, the road crew is back to summer/fall maintenance. Paving on East Peacham Rd should happen in a week. The road will stay open during paving.
 - d) East Peacham Road will be closed for a half to a full day for replacing a culvert.
- 5) Traffic Ordinance
 - a) David read an email from Annette regarding traffic ordinance issues.
 - b) David gave his feedback based on her email.
 - c) Annette had wondered if the speed limit should be 30 or 35 and David said that he thought that they should leave it at 30 and not move the speed sign from where it is now (at the school house on East Peacham Rd).
 - d) David asked Jeremy to ask Shauna about requirements for speed bumps. They would probably need to be temporary for plowing but he thinks speed bumps will be the only way to slow down in East Peacham Village. Add traffic ordinance to 10/19/16 agenda.
- 6) Town Clerk Update
 - a) Tom gave the Selectboard the quarterly status report and reviewed the highlights.
 - b) Brought in over \$1100 in tickets, which is 10% or 15% of the value of the ticket.
 - c) Community members will be able to sign up for dog licenses online. There is a new dedicated bank account with limited funds for online transactions.
 - d) The transfer station is supposed to break even but is consistently behind. It's not too terrible.
 - e) Next year the listers will have their own itemized budget.
 - f) Add the town hall bathroom and cedars to the agenda for the 10/19/16 agenda.

- g) David thinks the cedar trees along the tennis court should be cut back as well so that people can see what is happening at the tennis court.
 - h) Allen said that as a taxpayer he really likes the speed sign and thinks that investing in more so they don't have to be moved is a good investment.
 - i) Tom had transferred a CD to in January on the new account and it made \$1263. Made \$6,000 this year in another account that was also transferred from Wells Fargo to Passumpsic Savings Bank.
- 7) Town Website Update
 - a) The website will go live when Jerri and Tom and Rebecca resolve the email list sign ups, which will either happen by phone ASAP or in person on Monday 10/24/16.
- 8) Allen Thresher Jr
 - a) He would like to bury the electric lines from the pole to the house under the road. They need to move the meter and he will have to either go through the roof or it could be buried 4 feet down in galvanized culvert
 - b) David said that previously a policy was put in place that there is no buried electric on town roads. So the answer is no right now but the Selectboard would have to change that policy and come up with specifications. David suggested Allen talk to Jeremy about it and pitch a proposal. David said that the Selectboard might consider changing that policy if we can come up with a good policy. The Selectboard will look at the policy as written now.
 - c) This will be added to the 10/19/16 agenda as "Power Under the Road".
- 9) Planning Commission Zoning Regulations
 - a) Melissa reviewed the process with the Selectboard and gave the Selectboard printed copies of zoning regulations and associated documents.
- 10) Add "Data Entry Reappraisal Concerns" to next agenda.
- 11) Review and approve bills
 - a) The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.
- 12) Review correspondence
 - a) The Selectboard reviewed and approved correspondence.

Tim moves to adjourn at 7:45pm. David seconds. All in favor. So moved.